



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Minutes of the Business and Economic Development Committee**

**Wednesday, July 29, 2015**

**8:45 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Arroyo and Gainer (2)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman García asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107 (dd).

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen
2. Mary Hartsfield, Warriors on the Watch Inc.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**15-4621**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 06/10/2015

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Arroyo and Gainer (2)

**15-4035**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and GREGG GOSLIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**VINSTON US CORPORATION 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Winston US Corporation

**Address:** 204-206 West Carpenter Avenue, Wheeling, Illinois, 60090

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Wheeling

**Cook County District:** 14

**Permanent Index Number:** 03-11-100-031-0000; 03-11-100-032-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** 15-67

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** 3

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Estimated Number of jobs created by this project:** 3 full-time, 0 part-time

**Estimated Number of jobs retained at this location:** 0 full-time, 0 part-time

**Estimated Number of employees in Cook County:** 3 full-time, 0 part-time

**Estimated Number of construction jobs:** 3

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial-warehousing and distribution of industrial equipment

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS,** in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS,** in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS,** Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS,** the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**Legislative History:** 7/1/15 Board of Commissioners referred to the Business and Economic Development Committee

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Butler, that this Resolution (Class 6B) Purchase for Value be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Arroyo and Gainer (2)

**15-4072**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**SHIH LIVING TRUST OR ITS ASSIGNEE 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Shih Living Trust or Its Assignee

**Address:** 700 Morse Avenue, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Elk Grove

**Cook County District:** 15

**Permanent Index Number:** 08-34-102-024-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Elk Grove Village Resolution Number 27-14

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** 10 months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Estimated Number of jobs created by this project:** Two (2) full-time

**Estimated Number of jobs retained at this location:** Eight (8) full-time

**Estimated Number of employees in Cook County:** Not applicable

**Estimated Number of construction jobs:** Three (3)

**Proposed use of property:** The applicant plans on leasing the property to a related entity, Express Line Corporation for Logistic and freight services.

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

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**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS,** in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS,** in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS,** Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS,** the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**Legislative History:** 7/1/15 Board of Commissioners referred to the Business and Economic Development Committee

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Resolution (Class 6B) Purchase for Value be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Arroyo and Gainer (2)

## **15-4073**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**MARO CARTON INC. CLASS 6B SUSTAINABLE EMERGENCY RELIEF (SER)**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b Sustainable Emergency Relief (SER) application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Maro Carton Inc.

**Address:** 333 S. 31st Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois

**Length of time at current location:** 12 Years (10/24/2002)

**Length of time property under same ownership:** 12 Years (10/24/2002)

**Is there evidence supporting 10 years of the same ownership and/or occupancy (tenancy):** Yes

**Age of the Property (Building):** 50 Years

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Bellwood

**Cook County District:** 1

**Permanent Index Number(s):** 15-09-212-005-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Bellwood Resolution Number

**Evidence of Economic Hardship:** Dilapidated; Functional Obsolete and Deteriorated

**Number of blighting factors associated with the property:** Three (3)

**Has justification for the Class 6b SER program been provided?:** Yes

**Estimated # of jobs created by this project:** # full-time, # part-time: None

**Estimated # of jobs retained at this location:** # full-time, # part-time: 20 full-Time, one (1) part-time

**Estimated # of employees in Cook County:** # full-time, # part-time: Not applicable

**Estimated # of construction jobs:** # full-time, # part-time: Not applicable

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial - Manufacturing: Manufactures folding cartons for retail products

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b Sustainable Emergency Relief (SER) that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for a long-term existing industrial enterprise that meets the qualifications of the SER program ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment requires that an applicant under the Class 6b SER program provide evidence justifying their participation in the subject program; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b SER requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property for the purpose of the Class 6bSER Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the industrial enterprise that occupies the premises has been at the same location for a minimum of ten years prior to the date of the application for the Class 6b SER Program;

**WHEREAS**, the industrial enterprise that occupies the premises has submitted evidence of economic hardship to the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development supporting a determination that participation in the Class 6b SER Program is necessary for the industrial enterprise to continue its operations at its current location and maintain its staff, and without the Class 6b SER the industrial enterprise would not be economically viable causing the property to be in imminent risk of becoming vacant and unused; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is not receiving another Cook County Property Tax Incentive for the same property; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b SER is necessary for the industrial enterprise to maintain is operations on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of the Class 6b SER program; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b SER can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that the application is approved by the Cook County Assessor. Properties receiving Class 6b SER will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant understand that the Class 6b SER classification is not renewable and also the applicant vacates the specific real estate while the Class 6b SER is in place the designation will terminate and the assessment level will immediately revert back to the 25% assessment level; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is meets the requirements of the Class 6bSER Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

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**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Resolution (Class 6B) SER be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Moore, Schneider and Steele (6)

**Absent:** Commissioners Arroyo and Gainer (2)

## **15-4074**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**7852 W. 47TH STREET, LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** 7852 W. 47th Street, LLC

**Address:** 7852 W. 47th Street, Lyons, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Lyons

**Cook County District:** 16

**Permanent Index Number:** 18-01-0322-009-0000 and 18-01-0322-010-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Lyons Resolution Number 05-19-15-R1

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** 15 months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Estimated Number of jobs created by this project:** 10 full-time, 10 part-time

**Estimated Number of jobs retained at this location:** 13 full-time, 8 part-time

**Estimated Number of employees in Cook County:** Not applicable

**Estimated Number of construction jobs:** none

**Proposed use of property:** Manufacturing, assembling and distribution of decorated glass

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

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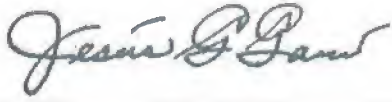
**Absent:** Commissioners Arroyo and Gainer (2)



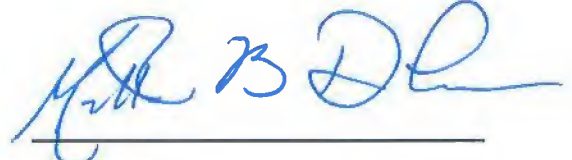
## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy seconded by Commissioner Butler, that this meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

\*A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>